

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Michael Delaney, <i>et al.</i>	Examiner:	DEODHAR, Omkar A.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is timely filed in response to the Office action mailed October 29, 2008.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has objected to the use of the singular "indicium" as opposed to the plural "indicia" in claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 12 and 13. Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tulley, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,179,168) in view of Nicastro (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0027619).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims.